import duties have come down from 40 percent to 5 percent in the developed countries and are likely to go down further ;

(b) what are the average import duty rates in developing countries ;

(c) whether it is a fact that the third block countries were not properly organised and took antagonistic stand among themselves during the last phase of GATT treaty ;

(d) what is the current world trade turnover and share of developed and developing countries; give details for the last three years;

(e) whether it is a fact that-US textile manufacturers stance against GATT treaty and their spokesman Mr. Gingrich's statement that 'WTO is third world dictatorship' would adversely affect India's exports to USA; and

(f) what is the response of Government to the above situation ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI PRANAB MUK-HERJEE) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Tariffs in developing countries have also been substantially reduced.

(c) Each country negotiated for its best advantage in the light of its interests.

(d) According to IMF statistics exports of industrial countries and developing countries during the last three years are estimated at :

	1991	1992	1993
	(billions US dollars)		
Industrial countries	2427	2585	2567
Developing countries	852	935	1032
TOTAL	3279	3520	3599

(e) No, Sir.

(f) Does not arise.

Anti-dumping measures

7376. SHRI S. MADHAVAN : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have taken steps to evolve anti-dumping measures to ensure that Indian manufacturers do not suffer due to unfair competition from foreign goods under the liberalised policy ;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government have received any representation from the basic chemicals, pharmaceuticals and cosmetics export promotion council ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE) : (a) and (b) The Indian Customs Tariff Act, 1975, as amended in October, 1982 empowers Government to enforce anti-dumping duties in those cases in which dumped goods are found to be causing material injury to the domestic industry. Before E.ich a duty can be imposed, the Authority designated by Government has to make a finding on the existence of dumping

and injury to the domestic industry; and a casual link between the dumped goods and the alleged injury to the domestic industry. The Designated Authority, under the Customs Tariff Act and Customs Tariff Rules thereunder, is normally required to ini7/ate an investigation only upon receipt of a written request supported by evidence of dumping, injury to the domestic industry and a casual link between the two by or on behalf of the affected domestic industry. Government has since put in place the necessary arrangements to investigate and redress cases of injurious dumping.

(c) No, Sir.

Pending claims of Public Sector companies for CCS

7377. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) the names of Public sector Undertaking whose claims for Cash Compensatory support prior to the 2nd July, 1991 are pending with the offices of Joint Director General of Foreign Trade in Calcutta and Cochin ;

(b) whether it is a fact that despite Government orders the pay-payment of CCS has not been effected in some cases;

(c) if so, the facts and reasons thereof; and

(d) what further steps Government are taking to resolve the issue and arrange the payment ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI PRANAB MUK-HERJEE) : (a) Two cases of M/s. Heavy Engg. Corpn. Ltd, are pending in the office of JT.DGFT, Calcutta.

One case of M/s. Balmer Lawrie chin office.

(b) No, Sir. All cases of payment of CCS are being considered as per inspection of the Government.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) In respect of cases relating to M/s. Heavy Engineering Corpn. Ltd., the party has been asked to furnish some documents for redemption of Bank Guarantee/Legal Undertaking. Necessary action will be taken after receipt of the documents.

In the case of M/s. Balmer Lawrie & Co. an audit objection has to be dropped for which the matter has been referred to the audit office. The case of the party will be finalised as soon as a reply is received from the audit office.

Channelising Agencies for Import of Sugar

7378. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: SHRI VIREN J. SHAH :

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) which are the usual channelising agencies for the import of sugar by Government ;

(b) what are the details, viz. quantity and value of imports made in 1993 and so far in 1994 ;

(c) whether any irregularities in the import of sugar have come to Government's notice and if so what are the details thereof and whether any enquiry has been made in this regard and if so, with what results ; and

(d) what steps Government have taken or propose to take to check the irregularties?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI PRANAB MUK-HERJEE) : (a) Import of sugar on public account has normally been undertaken by STC. During